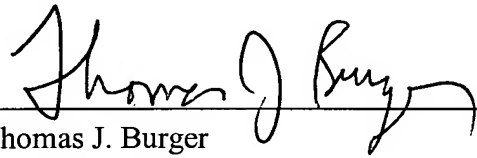


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment substitutes 13 new claims for the originally filed 15 claims of the related PCT application, PCT/EP2004/002683. These new claims are based on an amendment made during the PCT prosecution, except that this U.S. preliminary amendment further modifies those PCT-amended claims by eliminating all multiple dependencies. These new claims are numbered as claims 16-28. Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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